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DECLARATION UNDER RULE 1.131

I, SANJAY KUTTUPPA, do hereby declare and say that:

1. I am an inventor and one of the applicants of the invention entitled "GOLF BALLS WITH HIGH SPECIFIC GRAVITY THREADS" disclosed and claimed in U.S. Application No. 09/917,175 filed on July 27, 2001.

2. The invention described and claimed in said application was actually reduced to practice prior to February 4, 2000, as evidenced by the following facts, which are of my own personal knowledge.

3. Attached hereto as an exhibit is a copy my January 2000 progress report to Mr. John Calabria, management at Dunlop, dated January 28, 2000 memorializing my production and initial testing of golf balls with high specific gravity threads. The exhibit accurately displays the relevant information regarding the instant invention contained in claims. The document memorializes the production and testing of a thread wound golf ball having a thread with a specific gravity greater than 1.2. The example produced supports the independent genus of claim 1 and also supports the specific species claims providing an example of a thread containing a filler having a specific gravity greater than 5.6, specifically a tungsten filler.

4. I have personally witnessed and assisted in producing actual test examples that encompass all claims of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/917,175. I attest that the report memorializes test examples produced prior to the date of February 4, 2000 and the balls produced are in full support of the claims of the invention.

5. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 8 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issuing thereon.

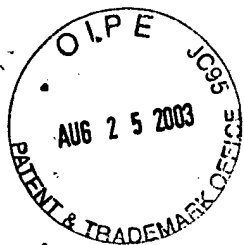
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TO: John Calabria

FROM: Sanjay M. Kuttappa

DATE: January 28, 2000

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SUBJECT: JANUARY - PROGRESS & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS - UPDATE

The following is an update on a partial list of projects for the month. The summary on Product Development projects are itemized separately below.

1. PRODUCTION AND RELATED PROCESSING ISSUES

- ◆ Provided day to day inputs towards internal mixing operations.
- ◆ No inputs have been received from Davis Standard yet to improve the extrusion rate on the continuous extruders.

2. THREAD DEVELOPMENT

◆ Work is in progress to determine the amount of Tungsten to be added to the thread compound using Revere thread, HT-liquid centers and a Surlyn cover.

3. TWO COVER - URETHANE

- ◆ 1.48" Ø cores that were molded at three different compressions have been covered with inner covers and 50 & 55D CPU covers. Results from testing are awaited.

The following are the summaries on the development projects. Attached is the updated timeline for the Revere.

I. REVERE - MAXFLI-Elite & Slazenger-Pro Preferred

- ◆ It has been decided to use the same ball for the Slazenger Pro Preferred. A TDC will be issued.
- ◆ Marketing samples for the PGA Show and Pro Samples were run between Jan. 12th to the 26th.
- ◆ Specifications are being established from the above run. It will be issued as part of the TDC.
- ◆ There were no major concerns with the process except the pigment paint being slightly tacky and some minor interruptions at the core insert station with regards to vacuum. Work is in progress to correct these issues.
- ◆ There was 36% fallout/balls missing during the process. Also, ~120-doz. balls were miss-stamped. Another plant run of *Elite* balls is in progress to supplement the shortage.

II. DUAL CORE

- ◆ Volvik is preparing dual core samples at 1.58" Ø. The delay is due to the lead-time for them to obtain a template for their glebar machine to achieve the required size.